layering a second conductive material over said first conductive

material.

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44. (Amended) The method in claim 43, wherein said step of releasing nitrogen from said plasma with electromagnetic energy comprises directing ultraviolet light toward said gas.

(Amended) A method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure,

comprising:

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layering a first conductive material;

introducing 12 plasma to said first conductive material;

releasing nitrogen from said plasma with electromagnetic energy;

and

layering a second conductive material over said first conductive

material.

(Amended) A method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure,

comprising:

layering a first conductive material;

introducing NH3 plasma to said first conductive material;

releasing nitrogen from said plasma with electromagnetic energy;

and

layering a second conductive material over said first conductive

material.